



10 DEC 2024

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Dear James,

## Your Official Information Act 1982 request (reference OIA24-138)

Thank you for your email of 15 November 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Could you please provide copies of advice you have received about the timing of publication of the report of the first phase of the Covid-19 Royal Commission.*

### Response to your request

There are three documents within scope of your request. Please find these documents listed and enclosed as **Appendix A**. Some information has been withheld under 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. You will also note that information not in scope of your request has been withheld as 'out of scope'.

### Public interest considerations

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, considerations have been made as to whether the grounds for withholding information from the documents provided with this response are outweighed by other considerations which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, it is not considered to be the case.

### Accessing the Ombudsman

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BW'.

Hon Brooke van Velden  
**Minister of Internal Affairs**

## Appendix A

No.	Title	Date	Decision	Withholding grounds under the Act
1	Briefing: Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19 Lessons: Further advice on [out of scope] and on receiving a report from the Inquiry	16 May 2024	Partially released	9(2)(a) Out of scope
2	Note on receiving and releasing the COVID Inquiry Phase 1 report – 8 November 2024	8 November 2024	Partially released	9(2)(a) Out of scope
3	Briefing: Royal Commission into COVID-19 Lessons: oral item at Cabinet about the phase 1 report	14 November 2024	Partially released	9(2)(a) Out of scope 9(2)f(iv)